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thermoplastic fibers along the one direction;

(d) superimposing said second web on at least one surface of the extended first web and joining said second web to the first web in an intermittent manner along the one direction to provide a composite web;

(e) extending the composite web in the one direction within a range that permits elastic stretch and contraction of the first web; and

(f) allowing the extended composite web to retract by an elastic contraction force of the first web to thereby obtain said composite sheet.

Please amend Claim 2 as follows:

*2. (Amended) The process of Claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic synthetic fibers of the second web are engaged with each other by mechanical entanglement or fusion bonding and, in the step (e), the thermoplastic synthetic fibers are partly freed from the engagement to the extent that they are individualized.*

[Please amend Claim 3 as follows:]

3. (Amended) The process of Claim 1, wherein two second webs are provided with one second web joined to top surface of the first web and another second web joined to the bottom surface of the first web, and the second webs respectively joined to the top and bottom surfaces of the first web being distinguished from each other by at least one property selected from the group consisting of basis weight, density, type of the thermoplastic synthetic resin, diameter, and length of the fibers thereof.

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[Please amend Claim 4 as follows:]

4. (Amended) The process of Claims 1, wherein said first web comprises at least one of an elastically stretchable fabric composed of thermoplastic synthetic fibers and an elastically stretchable film made of a thermoplastic synthetic resin.

[Please amend Claim 5 as follows:]

5. (Amended) The process of Claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic synthetic fibers in the second web comprise continuous fibers.

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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

- -A process for manufacturing a composite sheet by joining a second web made of thermoplastic synthetic fiber and capable of inelastic extension to at least one surface of a first web capable of elastic stretch and contraction in an intermittent manner. The process includes a step of extending the first web, a step of joining the second web to the extended first web and a step of extending the joined first and second webs.- -

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By the present Preliminary Amendment, the claims and abstract have been revised to more clearly describe applicants' invention in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Care has been taken so as to avoid the addition of new matter in the specification and claims.

Entry of the present Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application is respectfully requested.